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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA--SIT REP JUNE 9

1. G-77 CAUCUSES TO DETERMINE A BLOCK POSITION ON THE RE-
VISED EVENSEN TEXT, PRODUCED A SUSPENSEFUL BUT INCONCLUSIVE
DAY. THE G-77 REMAINED DIVIDED ROUGHLY ALONG THE FOLLOWING
LINES: AN AFRO-ARAB RADICAL GROUP LED BY ALGERIA WITH
NIGERIA, TANZANIA, KUWAIT, BUT ALSO SRI LANKA AND ECUADOR,
WHO WANT TO REJECT THE EVENSEN TEXT AND DEMAND A UNITARY
SYSTEM; A MODERATE LATIN-DOMINATED GROUP, INCLUDING MEXICO,
PERU, CHILE AND BRAZIL, BUT ALSO INDONESIA AND INDIA, WHO
FAVOR A COMPROMISE DUAL SYSTEM AND DO NOT WISH TO SCUTTLE
EVENSEN YET.

2. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE G-77 MAY HAVE GIVEN UP
TRYING TO BRIDGE THEIR INTERNAL DIFFERENCES ON TACTICS
AND SUBSTANCE FOR THE TIME BEING. IF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO SPEAK THEIR INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS,
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RATHER THAN A GROUP LINE, THAT COULD IMPROVE THE NEGOTIA-
TING CLIMATE BY WEAKENING THE CAPACITY FOR RADICALS
TO DISRUPT THE CONFERENCE. THE QUESTION OF G-77 CO-
HESIVENESS WILL BEAR CLOSE WATCHING IN THE COMING DAYS.

3. THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AGREED AMONG THEMSELVES
THAT THEY WOULD WAIT FOR G-77 REACTION TO THE EVENSEN

TEXT BEFORE RESPONDING THEMSELVES. IN THE EVENING SESSION, OF THE COMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP, DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATES SPOKE MAINLY ABOUT ARTICLE 9 (RESOURCE POLICY) SINCE THAT WAS ONE OF THE FEW NON-CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES FOR THE G-77. ARGENTINA, CHILE, INDONESIA AND BRAZIL LED THE ATTACK ON THE EVENSEN FORMULATION, WHICH WOULD PLACE THE CEILING FOR SEABED MINING AT 75 PERCENT OF THE GROWTH SEGMENT OF THE NICKEL MARKET. THE G-77 CONTINUES TO INSIST ON A 50 PERCENT CEILING. SRI LANKA (PINTO) ALSO REPUDIATED EVENSEN'S ARTICLE 22 FOR ESTABLISHING AN EXPLOITATION SYSTEM (PARALLEL) WHICH HAS NOT RECEIVED GENERAL SUPPORT. PINTO IS REPORTED TO BE SEEKING REJECTION OF THE EVENSEN PROCESS AND REPLACEMENT WITH A SMALL (20 NATION) NEGOTIATING GROUP.

4. THE SCENARIO FOR THE NEXT DAY'S DISCUSSION SUGGESTS THAT BOTH THE G-77 AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL EXPRESS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS WITH THE EVENSEN TEXT, IF NOT OUTRIGHT REJECTION. THE SOVIET UNION, TRYING TO SCORE POINTS WITH LDC'S WITHOUT FORSAKING ITS COMMITTEE I INTERESTS COULD WELL END UP STRADDLING THE ISSUE: THAT IS, CHARACTERIZING THE EVENSEN TEXT AS A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD COMPROMISE, AND SIDING WITH THE G-77 POSITION ON PRODUCTION CONTROLS.
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